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SUBJECT: GAIMUSHO OFFICIAL'S VISIT TO TRUST TERRITORY

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1. REFTEL REPORTS THAT GAIMUSHO OFFICIAL KATSUO TOSA VISITED TRUK MARCH 27-28 AND CALLED ON A NUMBER OF TRUKESE POLITICAL LEADERS, EXPRESSING INTEREST IN PROGRESS ON POLITICAL STATUS ISSUES.

2. A RECENT ISSUE OF THE NEWSPAPER TRUK CURRENT FURTHER
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IDENTIFIES TOSA AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIVISION OF THE UN DIVISION OF THE GAIMUSHO'S UN BUREAU. TOSA REPORTEDLY SAID THE TWO CONCERNS MOTIVATING HIS TRIP TO TRUK WERE THE PALAU SUPERPORT PROPOSAL AND TRUK'S POLITICAL FUTURE.

3. CONCERNING THE SUPERPORT, TRUK CURRENT SAID TOSA POINTED

OUT THAT WHAT JAPAN REALLY WANTS IS A GUARANTEE, BY THE US, OF THE SECURITY OF THE OCEAN CORRIDOR BETWEEN PALAU AND JAPAN. EVENTUALLY, IF JAPAN BUILT UP ITS MILITARY STRENGTH, JAPAN COULD ASSIST THE US IN PROTECTING THE CORRIDOR.

4. TURNING TO TRUK, TOSA REPORTEDLY ASKED THE CURRENT REPORTER IF TRUK REMAINED THE CENTER OF THE MICRONESIAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT, AND VOLUNTEERED THAT AN INDEPENDENT TRUK WOULD NEED QUOTE PGM UNQUOTE MEDIUM-RANGE MISSILES TO ENFORCE ITS WATERS AGAINST POACHING FOREIGN FISHERMEN.

5. THE TRUK CURRENT IS NOT RENOWNED FOR ITS RELIABILITY, AND CLEARLY IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT ANY GAIMUSHO OFFICIAL WOULD SAY THE THINGS ATTRIBUTED TO TOSA. NEVERTHELESS, DEPARTMENT IS CURIOUS AS TO WHETHER ANYONE FROM THE GAIMUSHO ACTUALLY VISITED TRUK IN LATE MARCH, AND IF SO WHY. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INQUIRE ABOUT MATTER, AND TO SAY THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF ANY INTENDED FUTURE TRIPS.
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